Amendments to the Claims

1-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

a first framework;

a first access system coupled to a said first framework and which interacts with the said first framework;

a second framework, different from said first framework;

a second access system coupled to a said second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;

an extension module;

an extensible abstraction layer framework; and

a coupling system for connecting to an said extension module to said for an extensible abstraction layer framework thereby providing access to content or functions of the said extension module;

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the said first and second frameworks and the said extension module.

29. (currently amended) An The extension layer of claim 28 further for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;

~~a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;~~

~~a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;~~

~~and~~ a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the~~the~~said extension module;

~~wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.~~

30. (currently amended) ~~An~~The extension layer of claim 29 further ~~for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system,~~ comprising:

~~a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;~~

~~a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;~~

~~a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;~~

~~a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the extension module;~~

~~and~~ a communication system allowing for the transfer of data or instructions between ~~the~~said extension module and ~~an~~said extensible ~~abstraction layer~~ framework,

~~wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.~~

31. (currently amended) An extension layer for accessing and using an ordered file, comprising:

a first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

a second extensible ordered-data flow-based framework which is not identical to ~~the~~ said first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

an extensible ordered-data flow-based abstraction layer framework;

an extension module for an extensible ordered-data flow-based abstraction layer framework containing ordered data;

an abstraction layer having a uniform cross-platform interface between ~~the~~ said extension module and ~~an~~ said extensible ordered-data flow-based framework, said abstraction layer ~~and~~ being separate from an operating system; and

a synchronization module for handling data flowing between the extension module and the extension layer; wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.